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This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2005, **the due date having been extended by one month to January 15, 2006 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time.**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

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